GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

MA Department — **Elections —** Conduct of elections to Municipalities - The Telangana Municipalities (setting apart and reservation of offices of Chairpersons in the Municipal Councils) Rules, 2026- orders**-** Reg.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION (MA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 10 **Dated: 12-01-2026**

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.216, MA & UD Dept. Dt.02.08.2019
2. Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment in W.P (Civil) No.980 of 2019.
3. G.O Ms.No.49, dt.04-11-2024 of the Back ward Classes Welfare (B) Department, Government of Telangana.
4. G.O.Ms.No.14, MA & UD Dept, Dt.25.01.2025

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ORDER:

The following notification shall be published in the Extra-ordinary issue of the Telangana Gazette.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 238 read with section 28 of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019 (Act 11 of 2019) and in supersession of all previous rules issued in the reference 1st read above, on the subject, the Governor of Telangana, hereby makes the following rules for the setting apart and reservation of offices of Chairpersons in Municipal Councils mentioned in Schedule I of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019.

1. (i) These rules may be called the Telangana Municipalities (setting apart and reservation of offices of Chairpersons in Municipal Councils) Rules, 2026;

   (ii) These rules shall apply to all Municipal Councils in the State mentioned in Schedule I of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Hon'ble Supreme Court have issued the following orders:

   (a) To set-up a dedicated Commission to conduct contemporaneous rigorous empirical inquiry in to the nature and implications of the backwardness quota in local bodies, within the State.

   (b) To specify the proportion of reservation required to be provisioned Local Body wise in light of recommendations of the Commission, so as not fall foul of overbreadth; and

   (c) In any case such reservation shall not exceed aggregate of 50 percent of the total wards reserved in favour of SCs/STs/OBCs taken together.

3. Accordingly, vide reference 3rd read above, Government have appointed Sri Busani Venkateshwara Rao IAS (Retd) as Dedicated Commission to conduct contemporaneous rigorous empirical enquiry into the nature and implication of the backwardness qua local bodies, with respect to the Backward Classes of the citizens in the State.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the sections 7, 28 and 29 of the Telangana Municipalities Act, 2019 was amended to make reservation to the offices of Ward members, Chairpersons and Mayor as per the recommendations of the Dedicated Commission whenever constituted.

5. In view of the above and in supersession of orders issued in the G.O. 1st read above, the following guidelines are issued for setting apart of Offices of Chairpersons to the categories of STs, SCs, BCs and Women and also finalization of reservations to the Office of Chairpersons for conduct of Municipal Elections.

6. **Procedure for setting apart of Offices of Chairperson in Municipal Councils:** The offices of Chairperson of Municipal Councils in the State shall be set apart (in the State) for Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes, in proportion of the population of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Caste respectively to the total population of all the Municipal Councils in the State. As per sub section (4) of section 28 of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019, offices of Chairpersons shall be set apart as per the recommendations of the Dedicated Commission, approved by the Government, duly observing that the percentage of reservation so provided to the BCs shall not cause the total reservations provided to SC, ST & BCs exceed 50 percent of the total number of the offices of the Chairpersons.

7. The number of Offices of Chairpersons set apart for Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes shall be in the following manner,

(i) No. of Offices of Chairperson in respect of Scheduled Tribes (STs) :

(a) Total population of STs in all the Municipal Councils in the State
---------- X100= A %
Total population of all the Municipal Councils in the State

(b) Total number of Offices of Chairpersons in the State
----------X A% = "B" No of Offices
100

"B" Number of Offices of Chairperson shall be set apart for Scheduled Tribes in the State.

(ii) No. of Offices of Chairperson in respect of Scheduled Castes (SCs):

(c) Total population of SCs in all the Municipal Councils in the State
---------- X 100 = C %
Total population of all the Municipal Councils in the State

(d) Total number of Offices of Chairperson in the State

---------- X C% = "D" No. of Offices
100

"D" Number of Offices of Chairpersons shall be set apart for Scheduled Castes in the State.

8. After finalizing the number of Offices of Chairperson in the State to be set apart in favor of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes, Offices of Chairpersons shall be set apart for Backward Classes as recommended by the Dedicated Commission, such that the total reservations shall not exceed 50% of the total Offices of Chairpersons in the State.

9. While determining Offices of Chairpersons in the State to be set apart in favour of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes, any fraction of less than one half shall be ignored and any fraction equal to or more than one-half shall be counted as one.

10. Where the proportion of the population of the Scheduled Tribes or Scheduled Castes in the State, as the case may be, to the total population of the State, does not constitute a required proportion enabling them to set apart at least one office of Chairperson, there shall be reserved one office of Chairperson for these categories without reference to the said proportion.

11. Fifty (50) percent of the total number of offices of Chairpersons set apart for Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes shall be reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, or the Backward Classes respectively. If there is a difficulty in reserving 50% of offices of Chairperson to women due to "odd number of offices" in the State, the fraction shall be ignored.

12. After reserving the offices of chairpersons for the above categories, the balance number of offices of the Chairpersons shall be considered unreserved.

13. The population as ascertained at the latest census as published by the census authorities shall be taken for the purpose of declaring the number of Offices of Chairpersons reserved in respect of Schedule Tribes and Scheduled Castes categories.

14. The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad shall undertake the exercise of setting apart of offices of chairpersons for STs, SCs and the Dedicated Commission shall recommend the offices of chairpersons to be reserved for Backward Classes. After receipt of the report of the Dedicated Commission and from Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, the Government shall issue final Notification fixing the number of offices of chairpersons reserved for various categories in the State and publish it in the Telangana Gazette.

15 Procedure for Reservations for offices of chairpersons:

15.1 After publication of notification in State gazette regarding setting apart of offices of chairpersons to various categories, as per section 28 of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019, the offices of chairpersons shall be reserved to the STs, SCs, BCs and Women categories by following the procedure.

15.2 The reservation of offices of chairpersons for various categories shall be made in the order of Schedule Tribe, Schedule Castes and Backward Classes.

15.3 The population data in respect of ST, SCs shall be as per the latest census published by the census authorities and BCs data shall be taken as per Socio-Economic, Education, Employment, Political and Caste (SEEEPC) survey 2024.

15.4 Reservation of offices of chairpersons to Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the Municipal Councils shall be made with reference to the highest percentage of population of the said category.

15.5 If an exercise of division of Municipalities into wards has been taken up after the conduct of 1st ordinary election after enactment of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019, the cycle of reservation of Office of Chairpersons shall start afresh. If No division of Municipality into wards was taken up after conduct of 1st ordinary elections, then reservations to Office of Chairpersons shall be made on rotation basis.

15.6 The following information shall be kept ready before starting the process of making reservations for different categories for the wards:-

1) Municipality wise Scheduled Tribe population, Total Population of the respective Municipal Council and % of ST Population.
2) Municipality wise Scheduled Caste Population, Total Population of the respective Municipal Council and % of SC Population.
3) Municipality wise Backward Class Population, Total Population of the respective Municipal Council and % of BC Population.

15.7 Firstly, the statement containing ST population shall be taken and sorted in descending order (highest to lowest). Strike off the Office of Chairpersons allotted to the Scheduled Tribes during the previous Ordinary Elections held after enactment of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019. Select the required number of Office of Chairpersons from the remaining Municipal Councils which shall be reserved for STs in the descending order of population.

15.8 Secondly, the statement containing SC population shall be taken and sorted in descending order. Strike off the Offices of Chairpersons allotted to the Scheduled Caste during the previous Ordinary Elections held after enactment of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019 and also strike off the Office of Chairpersons reserved for STs, mentioned at Rule (15.7) above. Take the required number of Offices of Chairpersons from the remaining Municipal Councils which shall be reserved for SCs in the descending order of population.

15.9 Thirdly, the statement containing BC population shall be taken and sorted in descending order. Strike off the wards allotted to the BCs during the previous Ordinary Elections held after enactment of the Telangana Municipalities Act 2019. Also strike off the Office of Chairpersons reserved for STs & SCs as mentioned in Rule (15.7) and (15.8) above. Take the required number of Office of Chairpersons from the remaining Municipal Councils which shall be reserved for BCs in the descending order of population.

15.10 The remaining Municipal Councils after reservation of the Office of Chairpersons in favor of STs, SCs, and BCs as mentioned above, shall be reserved as "un-reserved".

15.11 After the Offices of Chairpersons are reserved as mentioned above, One half of the number of Office of Chairpersons reserved for Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes & Backward Classes and one half of the un-reserved shall be reserved for Women by draw of lots by the Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration in the presence of representatives of political parties which are registered by the State Election Commission by giving prior notice of date and time for such drawl of lots.

15.12 The Government shall finally issue a Notification declaring the number of offices of Chairpersons in the State reserved in respect of Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes and Women in the State and the Municipal Councils to which these offices are reserved and publish it in the Telangana Gazette.

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The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Store Purchase, Hyderabad.
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